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Containing the freſheſt Advices Foreign and Domeſtick.

From Saturday, *January* 13, to Saturday, *January* 20, 1732.

Mr. Whitmarſh,

I Believe your Papers have made, at laſt, a Truce with the Church; *and that you are now at Leiſure to receive ſuch Letters as relate to the Publick, and may conduce to its Benefit: We are an Infant Colony daily increaſing, and certainly many uſeful Laws may, from Time to Time, be here Introduced, by giving Hints for ſuch, from what was done in other older Colonies. I have a Collection, by me, of many good* American Laws, *and will now and then undertake to ſupply you with Extracts from them, when you think it convenient to inſert them: The three following, be pleaſed to inſert by way of Specimen.*

Yours, PUBLICUS.

In VIRGINIA.

An ACT *for the Priority of Payment to the Country Creditors.*

WHEREAS many Perſons coming into this Country poſſeſſed of viſible Eſtates, do by that Means obtain Credit, it notwithſtanding happens, that the whole Eſtate is by pretended Accounts from foreign Parts taken away, and the Country Creditors, by that means, deprived of their juſt dues.

Enacted therefore, That all Courts ſhall give a Priority in Judgment, for Debts contracted in this Country, if the Claim be made within 12 Months; before which Time no foreign Debts ſhall be pleadable, unleſs there be Aſſets remaining after the Country Debts are paid.

But this Aſſembly intending only the Prevention of Frauds, and not the Prejudice of any juſt Creditor, that *bonâ fide* adventur'd his Goods here, *It's therefore further Enacted*, That if any Factor coming from *England*, or any other his Majeſty's Dominions within 2 Months after his Arrival, make Entry in any Court of Record, of the Name of the Perſon adventuring by him, and the Value of the Goods adventured; every ſuch Adventurer, if the Factor die, ſhall have equal Pleading with the Country Inhabitants; and if no ſuch Entry be made, all Goods imported ſhall be taken to be the proper Eſtate of the Poſſeſſor.

The *Act* not to take Effect 'till a Year after the paſſing, that all Perſons may have Notice thereof.

In VIRGINIA.

An ACT *directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land, and aſcertaining their Fees.*

ENACTED, That all ſuch Perſons as ſhall be made Surveyors of Land, ſhall before their Entrance upon the Execution of ſuch Truſt or Office, take a ſolemn Oath, before the Court of that County whereto they ſhall be appointed, for their true and faithful Execution, to the beſt of their Knowledge and Power; and the ſeveral County-Courts empowered to adminiſter ſuch Oath.

Any Surveyor that, upon reaſonable Notice to him given, ſhall refuſe to lay out Land to any Perſon requiring the ſame in a lawful Manner, and which may lawfully be done, ſhall forfeit 4000 Weight of Tobacco, one Half to the Queen, her Heirs, *&c.* the other Half to the Party grieved.

Each Surveyor ſhall ſee that the Land by him ſurveyed, be plainly bounded, either by natural Bounds, or by marking Trees, or making other artificial Boundaries, and ſhall within ſix Months after Survey, give the Employer a Survey and Plot of the ſaid Land: for all which Surveys, and for keeping a Book, both of Surveys and Plot, made of large *Dutch* Paper, he ſhall take after the Rate herein ſet down, *viz.* for every Survey ſo made, plotted and entred, if it contains no more than 1000 Acres, 500 Pounds of Tobacco; and if above 1000 Acres, for every 100 Acres over, 30 Pounds of Tobacco, and no more. And if any Surveyor ſhall demand or take any greater Fee, than is hereby allowed, he ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence 2000 pound of Tobacco, Half to the Queen, *&c.* for the Support of the Government, and the other half to the Informer.

And if any Surveyor be hindred from finiſhing

ing his ſaid Survey, on account of difference concerning adjacent Lands, he ſhall take 250 pounds of Tobacco for his Trouble and Progreſs. No Surveyor ſhall make any Survey of Land without Chain Carriers, ſworn to meaſure juſtly and exactly, according to the beſt of their Knowledge, and to deliver a true Account to the Surveyor.

Entries made for unpoſſeſſed Land, where the Surveyor cannot then attend to Survey, ſuch Entry ſhall ſtand good 'till the Surveyor give Notice that he is ready to go upon the Survey; and if the Party making Entry do not attend the Surveyor, within one Month after ſuch Notice, with all Neceſſaries for making the Survey, the Entry then to be void.

And to prevent haſty and ſurreptitious Grants upon Surveys, *Enacted*, That no Surveyor within ſix Months after Survey made, ſhall give a Copy of the Plot or Survey, other than to the Perſon who firſt employ'd, on pain of forfeiting to the party grieved 500 pounds of Tobacco, for every 100 Acres of Land contained in the Survey.

And becauſe the Quiet of our Eſtate in a great Meaſure depends on the *Faithfulneſs*, *Underſtanding* and *Care* of our Surveyors, and the fair and regular keeping of their Proceedings, *Enacted*, That each Surveyor on entring into his Office, ſhall apply himſelf to the County-Court, who is to provide him a Book, as aforementioned, for entring of Surveys and Plots, and ſhall fairly enter and plot, or cauſe to be fairly entred and plotted, all Surveys made during his Continuance in Office, within 2 Months after Survey made, with Indications in the Plots of all Rivers, Creeks and Branches that he ſhall croſs in his Courſes, and alſo the Boundaries and adjacent Plantations, and ſhall annually in the Month of *June*, return to the Office of the Clerk of the County-Court, a perfect Liſt of all Surveys made by him in that County, *viz.* for whom, the Quantity, Place and Pariſh, on pain of forfeiting for every Default 2000 pounds of Tobacco, Half to the Queen, *&c.* and Half to the Informer.

Enacted, That the County-Court upon Complaint of any perſon, or on their own Motive, ſhall have full power and Authority to appoint two or more underſtanding perſons to view and examine the Surveyor's Book of the common Surveys and Plots, and to make Report if it be kept in all Things according to this Act.

And upon the Death or Removal of any Surveyor, the County-Court ſhall have Power to retake the Surveyor's ſaid Book, and to keep the ſame among the Records, or if any blank paper be therein, to let the ſame to the next Surveyor, on his taking Oath to preſerve the ſame, and not to alter or ſuffer any Thing therein to be alter'd, of what was done before his Time of Surveyorſhip.

Provided, That the foremention'd Fees ſhall not extend to Town Lots; but for each Lot laid out in any Town, Port, or publick Landing, the Surveyor to have 20 pounds of Tobacco and no more. [*Theſe Extracts to be Continued.*]

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SEVILLE, Octob. 3.

M. Venier, new Ambaſſador of Venice, arrived here the 29th paſt. They write from Cadiz, that there are 10 Men of War in that Port, ready to ſail; and that 36 Squadrons are ſhortly to be ſhip'd off there, but upon what Deſign they know not. Letters from all the Sea-port Towns of this Kingdom confirm the great Preparations that are making for a new Expedition. They write from Badajoz, that they are actually building a new Magazine there, which is to defy the Power of Bombs.

Paris, Oct. 8. Letters from Madrid of the 23d *ult.* adviſe, that in the Night between the *5th* and *6th* of this Month, the North part of the Roof of the Eſcurial was ſet on fire by Lightning; and not being perceived till it had burnt 2 Hours, the Flames were got to ſuch a Head, that all they could do to ſtop them was to no purpoſe. The Fire got hold of the Center of the College, & burnt the Tower, the Patriarch's Apartment, & thoſe of the Chaplains, with ſuch Vehemence that it was impoſſible to do any Good. At laſt the Monks bethought themſelves of bringing out the Hoſt; and it was obſerved, that as ſoon as the Prieſt had pronounced the Bleſſing, the Violence of the Flames abated, and ſo they got it under. But the Damage done by this Accident is very conſiderable; for all that part where the Fire has been muſt be new built, it having been ſo violent that the Stones are burnt to a Coal.

They write from Fayrac in Agenois, that the Beginning of laſt Month one Catherine Fort, aged 40, the Wife of Peter Vigne, was delivered of 4 Daughters at a Birth, who were all baptized.

LONDON, *Octob.* 30.

'Tis ſaid the Ducheſs of Marlborough has under Conſideration the making a proviſion for the Widows of thoſe Officers who ſerved in the Wars, under the late Duke her Husband, as alſo of other decay'd Gentlewomen, and Widows.

That the Aldermen of London propoſe to to make Collections in their reſpective Wards, from Houſe to Houſe, for ſettling poor Families in Georgia.

More Orders are come from Genoa and Leghorn, to ſhip off Corn for thoſe parts, on which Account divers Veſſels are freighting, and the Demand for Spain, *Portugal*, and the ſouthern parts of France, ſtill continues, to the great Advantage of the Farmers, and the Nation in general, it being computed that the two laſt Harveſts produced one half more than would be conſumed at Home.

On Sunday being the Princeſs Royal's Birth-Day, when her Royal Highneſs entered into the 24th Year of her Age, (being born the 22d of October, 1709,) *there was a great Concourſe of Nobility and Ladies at Kenſington, to pay her Royal Highneſs their Compliments on that Occaſion.*

CHARLESTOWN, *Jan.* 20.

On Saturday Night last a Sailor, belonging to one of the Merchant-men, by Accident fell between 2 Ships & was squeez'd to Death.

The same Night came to an Anchor off our bar, a Ship with about 120 *People for settling the new Colony of Georgia, in which was James Oglethorpe, Esq; who came ashore that Night, and was extreamly well received by his Excellency our Governor; the next Morning he went on board, and the Ship sail'd for Port Royal: And we hear, there are two more Ships with People (which will make the Number* 500) *expected daily.*

We hear, the Small Pox is in 2 *Families at* Winyaw.

Buried in Charestown this Week past 7. Baptized 1,

Exported from this Place since *Nov.* 3, 1732, to *Jan.* 19. 1732-3. Rice 12,820 Barrels, and 628 Baggs. Pitch 2,970. Tar 1,242. Turpentine 295. Whereof 4,532 Barrels, and 538 Baggs of Rice for Foreign Markets.

Prices of the following Goods. Rice 37 s. per Hundred. Pitch 32 s. 6 d. per Bar. Tar 30 s Turpentine 25 s per Hund. Skins 15 s. Wine 80 l. per Pipe. Indian Corn 10 s. per Bush. Flour 3 l. 10 s. White Bread None. Middling ditto 4 l. 10 s. Brown ditto 3 l. 10 s. Milk Biskt None. Barbadoes Rum 12 s. 6 d. per Hogsh. Boston 10 s. Lime Juice 20 s. Salt 12 s. 6 d. per Bush. Melasses 6 s. 3 d. per Hogsh. Staves 14 l. per Thous. Pease 10 s. per Bush.

Custom-House, Charlestown, *Entred inwards*,

Ship Two Friends, John Whitfield, from Bristol.
—— King David, John Snow, from Ditto.
—— Mary, Farrow Woodhouse, from Ditto.
—— Sally, Nicholas Harman, from London.
—— Anna Maria, Robert Screech, from Boston.
—— Glasgow, Wm. Warden, from Barbadoes.
—— Sea Nymph, Richard Forster, from Ditto.
Snow America, John West, from Ditto:
—— Hope, Henry Sarjeant, from Ditto.
Brigt. Hopewell Stephen Haven, from Ditto.
—— Bedford, Wm Potter, from Topsham.
Sloop Winyaw, Wm. Beale, from Boston.
—— Five Brothers, Wm. Pattin, from Dublin.
—— Friendship, Samuel Basden, from Benira.
—— Two Brothers, George Gibbes, from Curacoa.

Entred out. Ship Sea Nymph, Rich. Forster, for London.
Brigt. Nassau, Robert Hussey, for Boston.
Sloop Five Brothers, Wm. Pattin, for Ditto.

Cleared. Sloop Gallant Scheemer, J. Prew, to Philadelphia.
—— Tryal, Benjamin Morgan, to Jamaica.
—— Emelia, John Sidy, to Ditto.
Scoon. Dolphin, Samuel Stone, to St. Kitts.
Ship Purrysburgh, Joseph Fry, to Figura.
Ship Shoreham, John Edwards, to Lisbon.
Ship St. George, Wm. Manning, to London.
Ship Sarah, Walter Arent, to Plymouth.

For READY MONEY,

AT the House Mrs. *Haydon* liv'd in, in *Elliot's* Street, are to be sold very cheap a Parcel of *European* Goods in any *small Quantities*.

JUST Imported, by *Binford* and *Osmond*, a choice Parcel of Madeira Wines, Mountain Malaga, and Red Port in Bottles: Cane Chairs, sash Glass, with sundry other Merchandizes, to be sold at reasonable Rates.

TO be Sold, a Parcel of choice young Negro Men, lately Imported by Capt. *Stephen Haven*. Any Person that has Occasion to purchase the said Negroes, or any of them, may treat with the said Capt. on board his Ship at *Elliot's Wharf*, or at *James Fisher's* near the said Wharf in *Charlestown*.

JUST Imported in the *Elizabeth*, Capt. Lee *from London, and to be sold by* James Crokatt, *a choice Cargo of European and East India Goods, containing the greatest variety of useful and ornamental Goods that ever was for Sale in this Province; where a large Discount will be made for Ready Money. He has also great choice of Bob Wiggs, most sorts of Medicines, Madeira Wine, good Butter in Cask at* 3 *s. the Pound.*

LOST the 13th Inst. a Gold Watch, with a black string to it only; the Case did not shut close, and had a Dent on the inside Case; the Movement had a Case of silver about it, the Makers Name *Smith* of *Bristol*. Whoever brings the same to the Printer of this Paper, shall receive 20 l. and no Questions ask'd. If offer'd to be sold or pawn'd, pray stop the same.

IN the Commons House of Assembly, *Jan.* 19, 1732. *Ordered, That no Petitions shall be Read, 'till such Time as the Clerk and Messenger of this House have received their respective Fees.*

By Order of the House. *Isaac Amyand*, C.D.C

WHereas I have purchased a Servant who is a Chimney-sweeper, intending thereby to prevent the Danger that doth threaten this Town, by Chimneys often catching Fire, which may be the Ruin thereof; and many Complaints have been made to me by the Inhabitants, that the Chimney-sweeper doth neglect to sweep their Chimneys, tho' being by them required: Therefore to prevent Complaints, I do give Notice to all Persons, that they may agree by the Year, to have their Chimneys sweep'd every Month, or oftner if required, according to the Number of Funnels, at reasonable Rates to be paid Quarterly, so long as the said Chimney-sweeper continues in Health, and is a Servant to *Daniel Greene*. *N. B.* Whereas I design to depart this Province (for the Recovery of my Health) in a short Time, all those who are indebted to me, are desired to pay the same by *March* 25, next. And those to whom I am indebted are desired to bring their Accompts, as they may be adjusted, or they wil be sued without further Notice, by

Benjamin Whitaker.

J. Lambert, from *England*, has open'd a Store at Mr. *Wm. Pinckney's* on the Bay, where any Gentlemen, or Planters may be supplied with all sorts of Ironmonger Wares, as Nails and Tools, &c. by Wholesale or Retail, very reasonable, for ready Money.

THIS is to forewarn all Manner of Persons whatsoever, not to employ two Negro Carpenters, which are by Name *Mingo* and *Norwich*, belonging to *Lawrence Dennis* of *Charlestown*, without first agreeing with the said *Dennis*, or his Spouse for the same.

ALL Persons that have any Demands upon the Estate of *Joseph Miller*, Taylor, Deceased, on his own proper Account, or in Company with *Alexander Smith*, are desired to bring in their Accompts to his Executors, the said *Alexander Smith*, and *Adam Battin*, that they may be adjusted. And all Persons indebted to the said Estate in Company, or otherwise, are desired to pay their respective Debts to the Executors aforesaid, without further Notice.

TO be Lett, by Capt. *Thomas Heyward*, on *James's* Island, a large Garden containing two Town Lots, with several fine Orange-Trees, a good Dwelling-House, and sundry other good Conveniencies, at the upper End of Broad-street; also two Milch Cows with Calf to be sold: Enquire of the said *Heyward*, or of *John Laurens*, Sadler, in *Charlestown*, to whom all Persons that have any Accompts with Mrs. *Eliz. Stephens*, Deceased, are desired to apply.

ALL Persons indebted to *Wm. Linthwaite*, of Charlestown, Shopkeeper, are hereby desired to pay and discharge their respective Debts, on or before the 25th of *March* next, that he may be enabled to make good his Payments to his Creditors: Otherwise such Persons so indebted to him, will be sued without any further Notice, by *Charles Pinckney*. Very good *English* Pease to be sold either in great or small Quantities, by the said *Linthwaite*.

JUST imported, and to be sold very cheap, by *Wm. Lasserre*, at his Store at Mr. *Lloyd's* on the Bay, a parcel of *European* Goods, *viz.* thread sattins, flower'd silks, silk shoes, choice of silk handkerchiefs, silk stockings, the most fashionable velvet caps of all sorts and prices, ribbons, ferrits, cadizes, threads, pins, needles, fans, hats, wiggs, broad cloths, bullets of 24 and 28 in the pound, gunpowder, &c.

WHereas *Richard Eagles* of *Charlestown*, designs to depart this Province in a short Time, this is to desire all Persons to whom he is any Ways indebted, to bring in their Accompts as they may be adjusted and paid. And all who is indebted to the said *Eagles*, are desired forthwith to pay the same, or else their respective Accounts will be put in Suit, by *Charles Pinckney.*

RUN away from *Goose-Creek* Point, a tall elderly Spanish Negro Man named *John*, had on a blue Jacket and Breeches with tin Buttons. Any Person or Persons, who will bring the said Negro to his Master in Town, shall have 20 l Reward, by *Alexander Vanderdussen.*